

REMARKS

In accordance with above amendments, claims 63 and 64 have been amended to clarify language and remove any ambiguities. Additional antecedents were also provided. Claims 51-53, 55-57 and 59-64 remain under consideration in this application. No claim has been allowed.

It is believed that the amendments to the claims overcome the enumerated rejections under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, raised by the Examiner in the Office Action.

It is also believed that the present claims are drawn to a combination which does distinguish over the enumerated applied references for reasons of record. None of the references or combinations thereof would lead one to the present combination. In that regard also, it will be appreciated that the claimed arrangement includes a simplified one-piece curved arm construction eliminating parts necessary in the arms of the references. The compact short-radius of the presently claimed arrangement, enables the system to operate in narrow, constricted quarters, thereby fulfilling a long felt need.

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Reconsideration and early allowance of the present claims
is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

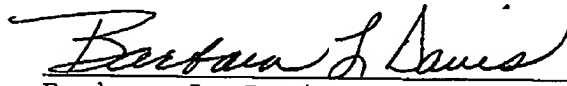
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CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amendment in response to the Final Official Action mailed September 1, 2004, in application Serial No. 09/844,843, filed on April 27, 2001, of Claudiu D. Pruteanu et al, entitled "AUTOMATED LOADER ARM", and a transmittal letter are being sent by facsimile transmission to: The Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on November 4, 2004.



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